

THE BUILDING ORDINANCE.

The following letter has been addressed to His Excellency the Acting Governor by Mr. W. Sk. St. John H. Hancock.

3 Beaumont Arcade,
Hongkong, 28th November, 1891.

Your Excellency.—On the 21st instant I addressed the Hon. the Colonial Secretary and the Hon. the Colonial Secretary a letter respecting the Building Ordinance, copy of which letter I enclosed. From the public acknowledgment of the Hon. the Colonial Secretary, I have been sufficiently informed of it when actually received. I should have omitted to notice the publication of the Amended Ordinance on the 14th inst. as I have not been acquainted with its contents in the morning of Monday, 18th inst. Since that date I have prepared a copy bearing consideration the following notes, and beg leave to submit them to your Excellency's consideration, presuming that they will be found sufficiently weighty and important, it is not yet too late to deal with them.

As the consideration of these suggestions, inasmuch as in all probability the present Ordinance (15 of 1889) will remain in force for many years, no amendment to the last having

seems architects in practice in this colony and their clients, I beg humbly to submit for the consideration of your Excellency the Governor, that, before the accession of the Hon. the Colonial Secretary to the office, the architects in practice here might be allowed an opportunity of considering the same and of submitting their views to His Excellency before this Ordinance is passed.

I have not had time to confer with the other members of my profession on this subject, but I would personally desire to submit my views to the Hon. the Colonial Secretary for consideration. I venture to make this suggestion (a) inasmuch as on previous occasions the Government have invited such remarks upon the passing of the Ordinance, (b) inasmuch as the Ordinance (having been practiced for several years in England under the Metropolitan Building Act, on the 1st January of the 1889 Ordinance is based on the provisions of the Metropolitan Building Act and (c) inasmuch as the Hon. the Colonial Secretary has been invited in a similar manner to that now suggested, I presume that it may not be considered premature to submit my views to the Hon. the Colonial Secretary for consideration. I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant.

W. SK. ST. JOHN H. HANCOCK.

To the Hon. the Colonial Secretary, Acting Colonial Secretary, &c. &c. &c.

30th November.

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indebted to the courtesy of the Secretary Hongkong Rifle Association, Mr.

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The Bulgarian people are as much involved at this action.

Newsp from Crete states that an encounter has taken place between the Turkish troops and Greek forces near the town of Zanzalar. Thirty persons were killed, and the troops re-tired after the encounter.

The reader might suppose that a fund should be raised in England to assist the famine-stricken people of Russia.

[FROM "RANGOON GAZETTE."]—

MOSCOW, 13th November.

A plot has been discovered here to revive the ancient representative system of the Russian Empire; have been made, including nobles, literati, and bourgeois.

PETERSBURG, 15th November.

Herr Maas, the Berlin banker who confessed to embezzling £30,000 of his clients' money, including the money collected for a memorial to

METROPOLITAN RAIL-WAY.
27th NOVEMBER, A.T.C.

| STATION | Passenger Trains | Cargo Trains | Total Trains | Humidity | Dew-point | Frost | Wetness | Snow-lie |
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| Windermere | | | | | | | | |
| Tokio | 80-31 | | | | | | | |
| Narara | 62 | 1 | | | | | | |
| Shanghai | 80-33 | | | | | | | |
| Kobe | 62 | 1 | | | | | | |
| Amoy | 67 | 10 | | | | | | |
| Yamaguchi | 91-25 | | | | | | | |
| Osaka | 91-13 | | | | | | | |
| Manila | 68 | 1 | | | | | | |
| Hongkong | 39-29 | | | | | | | |
| Philippine Is. | 39-29 | | | | | | | |
| London | 30-17 | 72 | 104 | nne | 4 | | | |
| Macao | 30-21 | 70 | 101 | n | | | | |
| Batavia | 30-21 | 70 | 101 | n | | | | |
| Haiphong | 30-21 | 70 | 101 | n | | | | |
| Calcutta | 30-21 | 70 | 101 | n | | | | |
| Scindia | 30-21 | 70 | 101 | n | | | | |

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BOMBAY, 11th November.

A correspondent of the *Dong Gazette* reviews the present financial position of the Bombay Mills, which he pronounces to be anything but encouraging. Although for some months past there has been a plethora of mills such as has not been the case within living memory, yet enterprise has been underdone, while out of 40 mills only nine can be run at a premium, the total investment of £17 lakhs

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS.


The British steamer *N. S. de Saclares*, 24th Nov., had strong monsoon and light sea.

The Spanish sloop *N. S. de Toledo*, from Manila 28th Nov., had heavy seas and strong monsoon.

The British steamer *Glenlyon*, from London 17th Nov., and Singapore 29th Nov., had weather to Porto Sepan; from thence strong monsoon with heavy sea to arrival.

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| Bank Bills, on demand | 3.10 | | |
| Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight | 3.14 | | |
| Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight | 3.14 | | |
| 3-month Bills, at 4 months' sight | 3.14 | | |
| 6-month Bills, at 4 months' sight | 3.14 | | |
| ON PARIS— | | | |
| Bank Bills, on demand | 3.90 | | |
| Ore bills, at 4 months' sight | 3.98 | | |
| ON GERMANY— | | | |
| On demand | 3.83 | | |
| ON NEW YORK— | | | |

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| | | MANUFACTURERS OF CIGARS, CIGARETTES, |
| | | AND CUT TOBACCO. |

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| Business into | China, Japan, &c. | \$135 | \$138 | | |
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| of the | Do. Founders | \$131 | \$130, sellers | | |

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SHIPPING REPORTS.

A British steamer *Memnon*, from Sandakan Nov., had strong monsoon and high sea.

A Spanish steamer *N. S. de Loreto*, from la 26th Nov., had heavy seas and strong moon.

A British steamer *Glenogle*, from London Oct., and Singapore 23rd Nov., had fine weather to Pulo Sapatu; from thence strong monsoon with heavy sea to arrival.

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T. ELDRIDGE, M.D., Surg. Gen.
at, Member Central Board of Health.

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